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- 1. Export and import in Hungary were directed by the Hungarian Ministry for Foreign Trade (Magyar Kuelkereskedelmi Miniszterium KKM). The so-called IMPEX enterprises actually carried out the trade. These were large organizations with representatives both in Soviet bloc countries and in the Western countries. At first, employees of IMPEX enterprises were generally long-established, pre-Communist regime businessmen and banking experts, useful for their business experience and knowledge of foreign languages and conditions. However, by 1952 the IMPEX enterprises had hardly any Hungarian representatives abroad because they defected in large numbers. The enterprises were in some cases represented in the West by Western firms. Thus, for instance TERIMEX was represented by the INTERCOSMOS firm in Munich, West Germany. Later, IMPEX enterprises recruited their employees and representatives for abroad from the workers' cadres. These representatives were paid high salaries and per diem in order to keep them satisfied. The more valuable men were sent abroad alone without their families. In this way the regime tried to prevent them from defecting to the West.
- 2. All the articles listed for export were not available in Hungary, but were produced in special export enterprises for the purpose of getting badly needed hard currency.

50X1 3. information on the IMPEX enterprises listed below:

a. AGRIMPEX, Budapest 62, P.O. Box 278, was concerned with the export of wheat, fodder, vegetable oils and fats, sugar, rice, vegetables, malt, saplings, and rose plants. This enterprise was unable to fulfill its commitments.

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- o. ARTEX, Budapest 5; P.O. Box 45, was concerned with the export of furniture, silver goods, decorative artistic goods made of silver or gilded, porcelain, sports articles, brushes and brooms, hand-embroidered women's blouses and children's dresses, natural and artificial silk products (some hand-embroidered).
- c. CHEMOLIMPEX, Budapest 62, Pos0. Box (Postafick) 248, was concerned with the export of fine products of the oil industry such as: dyes, ink, paints, enamel dyes, printing paint, India ink, artists' paints, aquarelle paint, chemical materials, ether, Roentgen and technical paper, cosmetics, scap, and matches.
- d. ELEKTROIMPEX, Budapest 51, P.O. Box 4, was concerned with the export of electric and fine mechanical products, incandescent lamps, radio tubes, high current articles and installations, telephone technical installations, medical apparatuses and installations, optical and fine mechanical equipment, glass articles, material inspection implements and equipment.
- e. HUNGAROTEX, Budapest 51, P.O. Box 12, was concerned with the export of yard goods, men's, women's and children's socks and stockings, cotton pullovers, linen goods, and finished products such as shirts, underwear, pajamas, women's dresses and blouses.
- f. MEDIMPEX, Budapest 62, P.O. Box 326, was concerned with the export of Hungarian-made drugs, alkaloids, opium products, morphine, codeine, ethylmorphine, diacethyl morphine, synthetic products with morphine, hormone preparations, sulfamide vitamins, Hungarian medicinal herbs, baby foods.
- g. METALIMPEX, Budapest 62, P.O. Box 330, the Hungarian steel industry foreign trade enterprise (Magyar Acelipari Kuelkeres-kedelmi Vallalat), was located at Dorottya utca 6. It imported metallurgical cylinders, alloys, iron ore, metallurgical coke, carbon electrodes. It had the largest foreign network.
- h. MONIPEX, Budapest 62, P.O. Box 268, was concerned with the export of wines, including Tokay Szamorod wine and others, Badacsony and Balatonfuered wines, Balaton Riesling wine, Eger Bikaver (bull's blood) wine, Burgundy wines, vermouth, fruit wines, cognacs, apricot brandy, and the following Hungarian export brands of cigarettes: Budapest, Aroma, Mistral, Moni, and Lanchid.
- 1. NIKEX, Budapest 62, P.O. Box 271 (Postafick), with offices located at Dorottya utca 6, Budapest V., was the largest IMPEX enterprise in Hungary. It was charged with importing machine tools. NIKEX had about 1,000 employees until this number was cut at the beginning of 1952.
- J. TANNIMPEX, Budapest 4, P.O. Box 198, was concerned with the export of leather and fur articles, women's handmade and machine-made shoes and sandals, and gloves.
- k. TECHNOIMPEX, Budapest 62, P.O. Box 183, was concerned primarily with the export of machines produced in the Rakosi Matyas Muevek, such as column-type drilling machines up to 15 tn. in weight, milling machines, and turret lathe machines. It also exported machines made by other enterprises, such as wood-working machines for the wood industry, plate-cutting machines, electric machines, and small agricultural machines. Through the export of these products the country procured hard currency for the purchase of raw materials for war industry.

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Declassified in Part - Sanitized Copy Approved for Release @ 50-Yr 2013/05/29 : CIA-RDP82-00046R000300060004-8 CONFIDENTIAL TERIMPEX, Budapest, P.O. Box 200, exported Hungarian winter salami, (Hercz es Pick), goose liver (pate de foie gras), feathers and down, canned meat, canned fruit and vegetables, tomato products, butter, cheese, fresh and dried fruit, onions, vegeı. table sauces, paprika, honey, flour paste, dried mushrooms. 50X1 (** the following IMPEX enterprises by name only: FERUNION, Budapest 51, P.O. Box 21, located at Merleg utca 3, Budapest V. This is an import enterprise. a. b. IMPOTTEX, Budapest 51, P.O. Box 6. KOMPLEX, Budapest 51, P.O. Box 36. c. đ. KULTURA, Budapest 62, P.O. Box 149. LICENCIA, Budapest 62, P.O. Box 466. e. 50X1 ſ. LIGNIMPEX, Budapest 62, P.O. Box 323. this enterprise imported lumber and wood. 50X1 MOGUERT, Budapest 62, P.O. Box 249. imported automobiles. this enterprise g. MOKEP, Budapest 7, P.O. Box 75, imported Soviet propaganda films.

PHILATELIA HUNGARICA, Budapest, dealt with postage stamps.

PRESTO, Budapest 62, P.O. Box 93.

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